

## CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR/ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

We believe that extra-curricular and athletic programs should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. We also believe that the highest potential of activities is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship (the “Six Pillars of Character”). This Code applies to the parents of all students involved in extra-curricular activities, including sports.

#### TRUSTWORTHINESS

*Trustworthiness:* be worthy of trust in all you do.

*Integrity:* live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; do what’s right even when it’s unpopular or personally costly.

*Honesty:* live and compete honorably; don’t allow your children to lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.

*Reliability:* fulfill commitments; do what you say you will do; when you tell your children you will attend an event, be sure to do so.

*Loyalty:* be loyal to your school and team; put the team above personal glory.

#### RESPECT

*Respect:* treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of students.

*Class:* live and play with class, be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect for all competitors.

*Disrespectful Conduct:* don’t engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive

remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the activity.

*Respect Officials:* treat contest officials with respect; don’t complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

*Respect Coaches:* treat coaches with respect at all times; recognize that they have team goals beyond those of your child. Don’t shout instructions to players from the stands; let coaches coach.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

*Importance of Education:* stress that students are students first. Be honest with your children about the likelihood of getting an athletic/activity based scholarship or playing on a professional level. Place the academic, emotional, physical and moral well-being of your children above desires and pressures to win.

*Role-Modeling:* Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a role model for your children.

*Self-Control:* exercise self-control; don’t fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration; have the strength to overcome the temptation to demean others.

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*Integrity of the Game:* protect the integrity of the game; don't gamble on your children's games.

*Privilege to Compete:* assure that you and your child understand that participation in extra-curricular activities, including sports, is a privilege, not a right, and that they are expected to represent their team, school and family with honor, on and off the field.

### FAIRNESS

*Be Fair:* treat all competitors fairly; be open-minded; always be willing to listen and learn.

### CARING

*Encouragement:* encourage your children regardless of their play; offer positive reinforcement. Demonstrate sincere interest in your child's play.

*Concern of Others:* demonstrate concern of others; never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to yourself or others.

*Teammates:* help promote the well-being of your child's teammates by encouragement or by reporting unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches.

### CITIZENSHIP

*Know the Rules:* maintain a thorough knowledge of all applicable game and competition rules.

*Integrity:* Refuse any solicitation by a District staff member or by a representative of the District's interests for the purpose of securing the prospect students enrollment and ultimate participation in the District's athletics program; reject any undue influence to induce the student to enroll in, transfer to, or remain in, the school District for athletic purposes; refuse any direct or indirect offer of a salary, gratuity, educational expenses, excessive or improper expenses, awards, benefits, cash or the equivalent thereof for the student's participation in the District's programs.

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*I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be forbidden from attending games/events or practices if I violate any of its provisions.*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Pursuing Victory With Honor: Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Character Building Resources*